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### THE PULLMAN STOCKING.

There came into the Pullman sleeper, just as Christmas Eve was closing in, a woman and one small boy. The woman was dressed in widow's clothes, freshly made, but of rather rough material, such as the lady in the opposite section decided, after one glance of her practiced eye would very soon hang limp, turn brown, and looked "leaky." The boy's suit was a trifle old grown, and not in the latest style.

But no lack in the matter of clothes could extinguish the beam in the bright eyes which gazed about in childish delight on the fineries of the surroundings, and when met with frank friendliness the gaze of his fellow-travelers as he goodly to pass his hand over a mound above his head.

A man in the seat close behind leaned over and spoke to him. It took but a few words, joined with a glance at the friendly face, to loosen the flood-gates of childish talk.

"Yes, we've come, oh, ever 'n' ever so far. We was on a train that something happened to it, on another road, and so we didn't get here to-night, and that's how 's we came into this nice car. We was just in a state all night, but mamma said we'd have to have a place to sleep to-night. Hand some here, ain't it?" patting the velvet cushion. "And they make up cunning little beds, just like you has at home, mamma says; only it costs a lot."

The clear treble rang out for the full benefit of the half dozen nearest neighbors, and just here mamma whispered a few words which checked the flow of information. The round face grew sober with grave speculation, and presently a hand touched the shoulder of the man in the seat behind.

"Say, mister, Santa Claus doesn't travel on this train?"

"Oh, I really don't know," was the reply. "Well, I suppose not."

"That's what mamma said she 'posed," with a little sigh. "But course he couldn't," with a half laugh. "Santa Claus has too much to do. Christmas Eve to be takin' trips."

"And he doesn't travel by rail," some one suggested.

"Course he doesn't," with enthusiasm. "He goes kitchin' along with his reindeer, scootin' over the roofs and down the chimneys—my! But" with another sigh, "I don't know how he'll find me."

"Where did you expect him?"

"Oh, to grandpa's; we're going there, and I expect to hang up my stocking there. And I wonder what Santa'll think when he goes down the chimney and doesn't find my stocking? Do you 'spose," with a little anxiety, "he'd go back to our old house where we lived 'fore papa died, 'specin' to find us there?"

"No, I think not. Santa Claus keeps track of his children, you know." "I guess so," brightening up; "and he knows me. He's brought me things, oh, dozen of Christmases."

"Then I guess he'll be likely to find you somewhere."

A delighted expression grew on the small face as a keen investigation of the face of the person offering such comforting opinions seemed to reach results satisfactory.

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fireside; from those whose life had lost the music made by little feet; perhaps sadder by those who had wandered far from home joys and home purity.

"A poor place for that sort of thing. I'm afraid," said the next behind to the lady across.

"Perhaps not so bad as one might think," was her answer. She had opened a lunch basket, and just as the man, after fumbling in his pocket, dropped a silver dollar in the toe of the stocking, drew out a box of candy, which followed the dollar.

"Look there!" Four school girls on their way home for the holidays caught sight of what was going on. "Well, it isn't often you see a Christmas stocking on its travels. We must scrape up something for it."

A doll was hastily made up of two or three silk handkerchiefs and crowded in, accompanied by nuts and candies from lunch baskets. A boy farther down made some lemonous into pigs, which nearly filled the stocking.

But the gifts did not stop, for the spirit of the season was fully awakened. Small coins were passed along, one hand to another, and shaken well down into the toe by the next man behind. A woman, with a bag of Christmas gifts for a family of expectant small friends, made a selection from them, and brought her offering.

"Why, the stocking's full!" said the man next behind. "But here—this'll do."

He pulled out a large silk handkerchief, and when she laid her gifts in, tied it up by the four corners, and pinned it to the stocking. The word was passed along, and travelers in the next car came through to take a peep at the traveling stocking. Small trinkets were edged in beside the doll. Scarfs were tied around the stocking, and handkerchiefs, filled out with nobody knew what, were fastened on.

In short, if Santa Claus was not traveling on that train, some of his near relatives must have been. The child and his mother were hurried out of the car early in the morning.

"Hush—sh-sh-sh-h-h!" The mother was fairly out of breath with her efforts to keep that boy from arousing the whole car. But the car was ready to arouse, and shouts of laughter and exclamations of delight and amazement.

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!" Heartfelt greetings followed the two, so at length they hurried out. "He shouldn't have done it—I didn't know," said the mother, looking about in shy gratitude. And with the puff of the engine came the last words of the boy:

"But, mamma, if I hadn't done it, how would Santa have known where to find me?"—[Harper's Young People.

A Narrow Escape.

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A SPECIAL value in Irish point scarfs, shams and short scarfs, table linens, doilies, napkins and towels; a large variety of handkerchiefs, umbrellas, down quilts and blankets. Special values in rugs.

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